# THEY SEE IT ALL.

The Absorbing Curiosity of the Idler and His Neighbors.

POREVER ON THE QUI VIVE.

Women Always Pause Before a "Gear Themselves Up"-Death to the Punster and the

Around in our sequestered neighborhood, where the passing dirt-carts roll a cease- surely, less requiem to departed Cary-street patriarchs, and where the lumbering icewagon forever thunders over the stony streets, we have many things to draw our little community togeth r and to pro- Was Born, Reared, and Began His duce neighborly feelings. For generations our children have mingled together and back yards, and for decades immemorial the multitudinous infuntile population of this patrician section have harrowed us with their velocipedes and gravel-shooters. But we are happy through it all. Have not Scriptures said, "Love, thy neighbor as thyself," and do we not even go farther than the mandates, and adopt the motte, "Love thy neighbor's business as thy own." This we do, and, with curiccity as our guiding star, we make life pass merrily, and always find plenty to do. In the first place, with our operaglassis we can sweep the surrounding apartments and gain many bits of information which our neighbors would fain not have us discover. Little do they know, when they sometimes flit around in negligee, that we are occupying bald-head-row sents in our mansion, and criticising their moth r-hubbards or their tea-gowns. Little do they suspect that we have discovered that they use turpentine soap instead of Turkish-bath, and that they only eat two meals a day. Nor do they know that we can tell just how much meat they have for dinner, and that on the days we see the confectionery-wagon the days we see the confectionery wagon stopping at their houses we always guess that company is coming, and accordingly look out for the strangers. When the doctor drives up to their houses and enters, closing the door behind him and enters, closing the door behind him and thereby shutting out our gaze, our curiosity becomes spasmodic, and life is unbearable until we have investigated the matter, And so, too, when the drygoods man brings up his wares, we perial to know who's going to have a new dress and whether it is paid for. In a word, we want to know everything about our neighbors' business, and if this he our neighbors' business, and if this be impossible, we will only content ourselves by investigating those things they don't

When the little tousle-headed girls in our neighborhood, who have spent hours in out) gardens playing "mother and child" with their rag delis, begin to grow child with their rag delis, begin to grow up and have sweethearts, our time is so fully occupied watching their movements that we frequently have to abandon our household duties. It is absolute agony not to hear what the boys are talking to them about, and if there's any way to do it, we generally manage it. We like to count their beaux, and keep an itemizer account of the number of times they call. In fact, is it as much es we can call. In fact, is it as much as we can do on summer nights to keep the run of them all and to equip curselves with sufficient gossipy data to converse fluently on this subject with those who drop in and who, by the way, are watched just as much as the persons discussed. And then, too, if the newspapers would only publish statements showing how much salary each of the men on our square receives, it would relieve us of a vast deal of spec-ulation, and bring universal reilef. If anybody happens to get married around these diggings it's a sensation that creates the profoundest excitement, and affords magnificent scope for detective work. Realty, it takes us days to get all the requisite information. What, with calculating on the trousseaux, the presents, the fixings, and the guests we run a regular bureau of information and statistics Even funerals are entertaining. We all watch to see if the widow weeps enough, and if her mourning clothes are borrowed. and if the Joneses across the way sent a floral design. Then too, it is interesting to see what the hereaved family are doing when they get back from the cemetery. There is yet another event which creates I shall not go into details, though all are in a fever of excitement. When at last the glad tidiags come forth, and the world hears the announcement "It's a boy," there's enough to gossip about for

Is it any wonder, in view of all I have tated, that we feel like one big family; that we do not hesitate to borrow a cup 12 vineger over our back fence from the lidy living next door, and that when we have an exceptionally good dinner we have an exceptionally good dinner we send out a waiter to the Smiths across the street, in order that the whole world may know how we are fixed.

Women have their weak points, just as we men do. Of course they are over superiors in every way so I tell them), but all the same, there are many defects in their make-up, and they are far from perfection. All of them are not usin or conceited in fact, none but the usity ones), but I've yet to see one who wouldn't stop and take a peep at herself every time she runs across a mirror. And that isn't all; they'll unhesitatingly stop and give a little dig at their bangs, to see that the capillary adjunct is in good order. that the capillary adjunct is in good order, and then they'll give their cheeks a little approving pat, which eloquently says: "You're all right, my girl." Mr. Eddle Williams, the kind-hearted old gentleman who runs the Capitol elevator (and who has his name on his necket-book written, "Eddle Williams, Elevator Ray"), is a thorough student of female anature, and a great admirer of the sex. In fact, he says that after the stronger sex he doesn't know any that he admires more than the weaker. He or some other size than the weaker. He, or some other stu-dent of feminine caprice, has very philan-thropically had mirrors put into the eleforth in the conveyance, they have ample time to adjust themselves and to admin-later those caresses to which I have above alluded. But when they make the descent, they are especially prone to linger long and lovingly in front of the mercury-smeared glass, and so, in consideration thereof, Mr. Williams always allows them as special dispensation at the bottom, in order that they may gear themselves up properly for the streets. And yet, after all this gearing up, these came females will repeat their act in front of the very next mirror they come across—no matter if it's user a little pleas of class two If it's just a little piece of glass two inches square. I can't blame good-looking women for exhibiting this eccentricity, and in truth, I'll confess that I always and in truth, Fil confess that I always hook at myself every time I shave, but what fun some of these old oyster-opening faces get out of it is more than I can see. Verily, if I had a physiognomy like some of the superannuated relics I see perring at themselves, my whole life would be one of remorae. Still, by a Heaven-sent dispensation, beauty is made to exist in the eve of the sager and the to exist in the eye of the gazer, and this providential arrangement evens things up,

It is not often that my soul, like that It is not often that my soul, like that of the Royal Bengal Tiger, is filled with a thirst for human gore, but moments assuredly do come into my life when I long to commit murder, and when I could wallow in blood with all the joy of a pig which performs its ablutions in a mudpuddle. Yea, verily, nothing short of the gore of the mas who makes puns could satisfy ms. This secial friend, who satisfy ms. This social friend, who thrusts himself everywhere, always carries with him a stock of moss-covered jokes, and plays upon words at which he expects everybody to laugh. He fires them jokes, and plays upon words at which he expects everybody to laugh. He fires them at you when you aren't expecting them (if ever for a moment you cease to drend his sallies), and then, after a painful, disagreeable pauss, everybody laughs a slexify. Ittle, I-don't-think-it-at-all-funny laugh, and some philanthropist, to avoid further embarrassment, says "Oh!" or

something of that sort. Any one save a man with a skull as impenetrable as a cannon-ball would know he was making himself a great bore, but the punster never sees it. He continues to give you are expected to cackle the same sickly cackle, which is nothing more or less than a downright lie. When the funny man leaves—and he's generally got a way of staying about as late as the next one—you see him depart with a joy only equal to that you experience on finding a doflar bill in your old clothes. Nay, more, you to that you experience on finding a dollar bill in your old clothes. Nay, more, you sigh for an opportunity to send his last earthly remains a funeral design, and you feel that you would cheerfully reeign the matinee for an opportunity of assisting at his obsequies. But those sort of people never die. Coroner Taylor says lightning does not strike mules and mothers-in-law. He ought to add the funny man (that is, the man who thinks himself funny), for surely, of all God's creatures, none are more invulnerable.

THE IDLE REPORTER.

## CAREER OF HORACE HOVAN.

Career of Crime In Richmond. "If you can't become famous, become jointly absorbed the dirt of our respective | infamous," seems to have been the guiding principle in the life of "Little Horace Hovan," a crook of many aliases, whose arrest at Frankfort-on-the-Main was duly chronicled in these columns yesterday

Hovan, who is about 45 years old, was born just outside the city limits of Richmond, and spent his childhood on Union and Maddox hills. He started upon a career of crime, which has earned for him the soubriquet of "King of Sneak-Thieves," in the 16th year of his age, when he was convicted, with one Tom Turpin, of snatching a lady's purse in the Old Market, and sent to jail, his companion being sentenced to five years in the penicentiary.

the penitentiary. Shortly after his release he was arrestcd on a similar charge in Charleston, S. C., but, by dint of bleeding his gums with toothpicks and lacerating himself he lost so much blood that he was able to deceive the authorities into believing him to be a consumptive, and was re-leased. A little later he was implicated leased. A little later he was implicated in a robbery of the Southern Express Company, by which the company lost \$3,500. In 1870, with "Big Ed Rice," Rufe Minor, and Kate Doherty, he stole \$20,000 from the vault of a bank in Halifax, N. S. Rice escaped with the money, but Hovan was arrested. The money was returned to the bank, and he was released. He was convicted under the name of W. W. Fisher alias Moran for a job in Pittsburg, Pa., on November 22, 1878, to two years and eleven months in the Western penitentiary, at Allestany City, He was again arrested on March 31, 1879, in Charleston. S. C., for the larceny of \$20,850 of bonds from a safe in the First National Bank, in that city, When he was detected he dropped the bonds on the floor and feigned sickness. He was sent to the hospital, and he escaped from there. He was captured in New York on October 16, 1880, for robbing the Middletown Bank, and was discharged June, 1881, for having the property returned. He was arrested in Philadelphia with Frank Buck alias "Buck, the Tailor," for stealing securities to the amount of \$10,350 from brokers in that city. He was convicted, and sentenced to three years in the Easton penitentiary. He was pardoned on October 20, 1883, on condition that Buck alias "Buck, the Tailor," for stealing securities to the amount of \$10,550 from brokers in that city. He was convicted, and sentenced to three years in the Easton penitentiary. He was pardoned on October 30, 1883, on condition that he go to Washington, D. C., to testify against officials who were on trial. He agreed to go if the authorities would have the case against him in Charleston settled, which was done. He gave testimony at Washington, which was discredited by the jury He remained in fall there until May 10, 1884. May 10, 1884.

June 18, 1884, Hevan and Buck Taylor were arrested in Boston, and after their photographs had been taken for the itogues' Gallery they were shipped out

His chief strategem when arrested, in order to escape conviction, was to en-deavor to prove an altib, basing his plea on his remarkable resemblance to his brother Robert. Hovan left this continent in 1885, and has since been "working" the European side of the Atlantic to a

He married a Richmond woman, who died before he left this country. He had three brothers and one sister. His brother Robert was given twenty-one years in New York for shooting two detectives.

## THE ELKS' GRAND LODGE.

# Lodge Going to Atlantic City.

A large and representative contingent to see what the hereaved family are doing when they get back from the cemetery.

There is yet another event which creates the widest flutter in our neighborhood.

Lobal row of Kichmond Lodge, No. 45, of Eiks, will sequence many have gone out of the business. The houses which once were ing for Atlantic City, to be present at the haunts of the gamblers know them no the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in that city. Fast-Exaited Ruler R. W. Couriney, who is the closen representa-tive of the Richmond Elks to the Grand Lodge, will be accompanied by the fol-lowing members of the order in this city: Thomas G. Leath, Joseph W. Laube, Juan Pizzini, Julius Straus, C. E. Loeffler, Moses Wise, J. N. Burch, Jr., Alex. Myer, J. D. Deyle, C. M. Angle, L. O. Wen-denburg, J. F. Rafoe, M. W. Lawrence, and possibly several others who have vet completed their arrangements to

The party will be joined by the Washington Lodge at Washington, and by the lodges of Baltimore and Norfolk at Baltimore, and are due to arrive in Atlantic City at 5:50 o'clock Monday evening.

The Grand Lodge will be called to order

The Grand Lodge will be called to order at 9 o'clock on Thersday morning. General routine business will be transacted, the reports of committees appointed at the last meeting will be read, and the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. It is hoped, and not unreasonably expected, that this meeting will be productive of the happiest results towards healing the differences now extering between the Atdifferences now existing between the Atlastic City and Jamestown factions of the order. It is assured that the meeting at Atlantic City, will be of colossal proportions, and as this branch of Elidom inhade no less than 10,000 out of the total membership of 20,000 the very tree attendance at this meeting will at least point a moral and adorn the story of the kill that tried to wag the dog. It is reported that twenty-five new lodges have been added to the roster of the Atlantic City branch during the year.

A ball, a banquet, a pienic, and various other festivities have been arranged for the delectation of these best people on earth, and in their deliberations and earth, and in their deliberations and efforts to bring back to the fold the Jamestown faction, the convention gives every promise of being an unalloyed delight. The Grand Lodge will be in session for three days, and the Richmond members will return to the city on Friday morning.

## Overhauling the Machinery.

Chief-Engineer John Lowe is busily engaged overhauling the machinery of the four monitors now in the James river, preparatory to their removal to Philadelphia. Chief Lowe, who lately returned from Norfolk, where he went to hand his report on the condition of the vessels to Admiral Brown, said that that officer appeared much pleased with the purport of it. Mr. Lowe has instructions to push forward with all possible speed the inspection of the machinery of the moniters Ajax, Manhattan, Canonicus, and Maho-pac. The Lehigh and Catskill are in drydock at Norfolk, and will shortly be over-hauled and fitted for service.

To Address a Sunday School. Mr. R. M. Hardaway, of this city, left yesterday for Louisa county to deliver the opening address before the Salem Sunday school to-day, near Jackson. There will be an all-day meeting, and a there will be an an-day meeting, and a very pleasant time is anticipated. Mr. Hardaway has won for himself an enviable reputation throughout the State, both as a public speaker and writer. R is expected that he will make the annual address before the Cumberland Troop, at their reunion in August their reunion, in August.

## Don't Get Seared.

# GOSSIP OF GAMBLERS The Business Said Not to Flourish Here

THEIR HALCYON DAYS ARE OVER

As It Once Did.

Stories of the Sporting-Men-Notable Raids Made by the Police-How Their Tables Are Folded and Hurried Out of Sight.

Repeated stories have been written about gamblers and their many glittering devices for alluring the almighty dollar from the pockets of the innocent into their usually plethoric coffers, and some of them are of more than ordinary interest. The history of gambling in this city is a varied one, and the vicissitudes of the genus gambler from time almost imme morial have been numerous. Withal, however, the men who obtain their livelihood in this precarious fashion are a kind-hearted and generous set, and though they meet with many falls and are always ready to stake their last dollar, or even their lives, on the turn of a card, they are as a rule free from care, and pass down the walkways of life in as happy a frame of mind as if they had been forever granted immunity from troubles and knew not of a vale of tears. A decade ago gambling thrived in this city as it was fabled to have done on the great Mississippi river, and houses where the wheel of fortune was nightly turned abounded on almost every street and corner of the principal thoroughfares. Then the gambler thrived and lived on the fat of the land; now there are but few regularly equipped establishments here, and but few devotees of the game, and these are content with a large streak of lean had been forever granted immunity from are content with a large streak of lean in their once fat living.

PALATIAL HOUSES OF THE PAST.

progress with breathless interest, there was hardly a sound to be heard, save the clinking of the ball and the short gasps of the lucky or unlucky player, as the

little marble settled.

Those were about the only two games played then, except, of course, the great short-card games of poker and seven-up, together with casho and whist. But in those days thousands of dollars were wen and lost on the turn of a card or on the movement of the little roulette-ball.

The percentage which came to the houses The percentage which came to the houses was large, and they could well afford to look after the comfort of their guests. Magnificent suppers were served, and the hanquet halls were always scenes of revelry, as each victim or fortunate one met there after the game and recounted his experience, while the others munched away on choice viands and either swallowed their losses and washed the whole down with Cliquot, or ate heartily with their hearts full of joy and their pockets bulging with money won from the table. bulging with money won from the table.

MANY CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED. Since then great changes have taken place in the gambling area. The houses are fewer in number, the stakes played for are comparatively low, and but few sports remain to patronize the game. This wholesale falling off in patronage has decreased the profits of the proprieore, and the large banquet-rooms, wh such extravagant suppers were serve in the years gone by to all who comin the years gone by to all who come, without renumeration therefor, have closed their doors, and all the nambler of to-day who visits one of the faro-banks obtains as a gratulty is an occasional drink, which is sparingly handed around.

This change was brought about by the police, who had long been contemplating raiding the places and capturing the gamblers. They matured all of their plans in 1872, and then one night, by preconcerted arrangement, the houses in each of the three police districts were pounced down upon simultaneously, before the gambiers had receive warning, and as the gambiers had receive warning, and as a consequence, the business, so far as this oity was concerned, was completely annihilated for the nonce. All of the gambiers who were to be found—and their name was legion—were taken into custody, and of the paraphernalia was captured and

The raid was made under the direction The raid was made under the direction of Major John Poe, Jr., who was then Chief of Police. Details were made up at each police station under Captains James M. Tyler, Charles H. Epps, and John Disney, and Sergeants B. F. Howard, Magistrate W. Hall Crew, and Clerk-of-the-Police-Board Wallace Washington, were also taken along. The sports were taken unawares, and the capture was the largest ever made. The police started from the station-houses promptly at 11 o'clock, and before midnight every gambier in the city was in the toils. FOUND EMPTY HOUSES.

That was the last raid of any note in his city. There have been raids made

by the police on individual houses, and several times they have made simultane-ous raids on all the houses, but usually warning has been in some manner con-veyed to the gamblers, and when the police visited their houses they were found open and not even the vestige of a table or a card left to show that there had ever been such a thing in existence as a gambling-house.

gambling-house.

Many of the houses are equipped with folding tables, and with faise doors, and the paraphernalia can be folded up and removed by two or three men within a very few minutes, thus making it possible for the sporting men to make their escape, and, at the same time, secure their tables and other paraphernalia from damers and loss.

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None of the tables are heavy or cum-bersome, but are constructed out of light material, and can, if necessary, be trans-ported through a window or a door by one man. In some cases houses are equipped with tables that are in them-selves unique mechanical devices. A gambling-room may, at a moment's no-tice, by the use of springs and automatic appliances, be converted into a bedroom. appliances, be converted into a bedroom, with furniture complete, and though the same furniture may remain, it will be so folded as to make it resemble nothing so much as a bedroom set. This trick has been resorted to on more than one occasion to fool the police, and frequently in many cities it has proved successful.

## Mozart Musicale.

In spite of the drawbacks in securing artists during the summer the Mozart management have gathered an array of musical talent for their musicale on Monday evening that will call out all the lovers of the divine art, the warm weather notwithstanding. It is seldom that such a list is presented, and the evening promises to be one of pure musical enjoyment. The following is the programme: Violin, "Fantasic Appassionata" (Vieuxtemps), Mr. Anton Kaspar; soprano, "Aria Trovatore" (Verdl), Miss Stakeley, Boston; basso, Rec. and Aria, "In the Woods at Early Morn" (Buck), Mr. Lane, of New York; meszo soprano, "Aria

Lucia" (Donizetti), Miss Lockhart, Phila-delphia; 'ceilo, "Lied Ohne Worte," op. 109 (Mendelssohn), Mr. Lent, of Boston; soprano, "Spring Song," violin obligato (Wiel), Miss Stakeley; basso, "Israfel" (King), Mr. Lane; violin, "Ninth Con-certo" (de Beriot), Mr. Kaspar; mezzo soprano, Valse, "Il Bacio" (Arditth), Miss Lockhart; 'ceilo, "Govotte," op. 112 (Lee), Mr. Lent; soprano, "Echo Song (Eckert), Miss Stakeley; Jacob Reinhardt, accom-Miss Stakeley; Jacob Reinhardt, accom-

BROOKLAND DISTRICT TEACHERS. The Board Makes Selections for the

Next School Session. The School Board of Brookland District met at the county court-house yesterday for the purpose of electing teachers for the next session. The positions of principals of the Barton Heights and Highland Park echools were not filled, nor was a teacher chosen for Broad street. The other elections resulted as

WHITE SCHOOLS.

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Branch School-Miss Lula Laxford, principal; Miss Kate Hays, assistant.

Barton Heights-Miss Mabel Glinn, Miss Vaughan, and Miss Hattle O'Bannon, first, second, and third assistants.

Highland Park-Miss Mattle Hanes.

Brook-Miss Gracie Beverly.

Yellow Tavern-Mr. B. W. Pasmore and Miss Fannile Gayle.

Anderson's-Miss Fauline Gary.

Greenwood-Miss Mary Saville.

Holloday-Miss E. J. Holloday.

Laurel-Miss Maude Trevvett.

Dicken-Miss Mary Wilson. Dicken-Miss Mary Wilson, COLORED SCHOOLS.

Barton Heights-W. A. Johnson, principal; Mildred Cross, and Mary Scott, assistants.

Poll Road-R. Emmet Harris.

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FAIRFIELD DISTRICT. The trustees for Fairfield District also net yesterday, and elected the following

white Schools-Mechanicsville, Miss Mary E. Merryman; Bowling Green, Miss Lizzle Fox; Howard's Grove, Miss Virginia E. Cauthorn; Twenty-ninth-Street-First Grads, Miss & Y. Larus; Second Grade, Miss N. J. Cherry; third Grade, Miss A. P. Hechler; Louisiana-Street-First Grade, Miss Grace E. Schermerhorn; Second Grade, Miss Pattie Douthat; Fulton-Pirst Grade, Miss B. M. Walker; Second Grade, Miss Emma Holland; Miller-First Grade, Miss Sadie E. Steigleder; Second Grade, Miss H. E. Ellis; Highland Springs, Miss Helen Dikinson; Seven Pines, Miss Mary A. Crew, Antioch, Miss Rosa B. Crawford; Elko, John C. Gathwright. White Schools-Mechanicsville,

John C, Gathwright.
Colored—Cedar Grove, W. S. Christian
and Susie Jefferson; Woodville, R. H.
Turston and Pattie A. Meredith; Thirtieth-Street, W. P. Epps and Margie V.
Murray; Reedaville, C. P. Robinson and
C. B. Harris; Benediet, Alice Robinson;
Seven Fines, Alice Christian; Bow Swamp,
Z. D. Jones.

### Personal Mention from Fulton.

'Squire J. P. Sharp and a party of friends went to Chickahominy Swamp for a fish fry July 4th. Quite a num ber of fish were caught, and the trip wa enjoyed immensely. Among those wh accompanied Mr. Sharp were Messrs accompanied Mr. Snarp Weight Sharp, John Raffo, George Patram, and Arthur Sharp; also Mrs. Arthur Sharp, Misses Mamile Bagley, Minnie Finneran, Drusie Boitz and Mamie Smith. Sharp, Misses Salitz and Mamie Smith.
Councilman J. Harry Lawder, who represents Fulton in the Council, left this week with his wife and family for New York via Old Dominion Line. He expects

York via Old Dominion Line, He expects to be gone several weeks.

Mrs. F. L. Rice and child left Wednesday for "Nag's Head, N. C.

Mrs. L. A. Harrison and daughters, Misses Laurn and Annie, have returned after a very pleasant visit to King William county.

Mrs. John R. Patram left yesterday morning for Clover Hill, Chesterfield county. She went in response to a telegram stating that one of her relatives

gram stating that one of her relatives s very iii. Mr. George Baker, who is stationed at

Fort Monroe with Battery G, Fifth Ar tillery, was visiting relatives and friends here this week. Mr. John W. Turner, of Marien HA.

Varina, returned on the 4th from Vir-ginia Beach. Mr. R. L. Harrison has been shipping peaches for the past week from his or-chard on Fulton Hill. This is quite early for this part of Virginia.

Mr. Thomas O'Conner and wife left last Tuesday for West Point to visit rel-

atives, and after a short stay they will take a trip North and visit the different

places of interest.

Mr. Everett Knight, who had the misfortune to break one of his legs som time ago, is out again and moving around with the aid of a crutch. Mrs. Charles Kolbe, of Baltimore, is in

Fulton visiting relatives.

Work of laying water pipes on Fifth street from Louisiana to Denny is well Mr. John Silva is in Baltimore on a

visit to friends.

Open air religious meetings are held several nights of each week on Seventh street, and large crowds are attending.

Miss Josie Grace, of Denny street, who has been quite sick, is much improved.

### News from Barton Heights. The Citizens' Association will meet Tues-

Miss Ada Bomberger, of Lititz, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. D. Rock. Mr. Waiter H. Ryland returned last week from an extended business trip.
Mrs. L. B. Wyatt left last Wednesday
for Larchmont, L. L. to visit her son, Ir. W. C. Figner.
Master Henry J. Wilson, of Williams-

burg, is visiting at Dr. James H. Gar-Mrs. J. E. Turpin and family left yes

terday for Lynchburg, where they will spend a few weeks.

Miss Dollie Turpin, who has been visit-ing her brother, Mr. J. E. Turpin, for the past month, will leave for her home in

Lynchburg to-day. Mr. R. W. Taylor leaves for Southwest Virginia to-day where he will spend a few days in the mountains, Mr. E. D. Redd, who was reported sick

last week, was only slightly indisposed, and is now as well as usual. His wife has been quite ill, but is now convelescent at her mother's house in Richmond. The resignation of Mr. R. W. Taylor as captain of the Oriole Base-Ball Club was accepted at their last meeting. Mr. Taylor made an efficient captain, and the club loses a good player by his re-

E. A. Thomas, of Washington, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Henvis corner North avenue and Poe street.

Get Other Government Contracts. The Richmond Iron-Werks (Chamblin Delaney & Scott) built an iron light house for the government a few month

ago, which was erected in the Chesapeake Bay, and is pronounced eminently datis factory. This firm also closed a contrac recently for another ligat-house, to be erected by them at Marbiehead, Mass, despite much widespread competition. They have also closed, within the past few days, a contract for the iron-work to complete the Congressional Library, in Washington. In both of these cases their hids were accepted over all northern competitors, because the quality of work was admitted to be superior in year; way,

was admitted to be superior in every way, and their prices considerably lower. The engineer of the light-house-work in Chesapeake bay reported that the work done by this firm was the best the gov-ernment had ever had.

## A Joyous Birthday Party.

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On Tuesday, July 2d, Master Erskine Buford celebrated his 8th birthday at Colonel Buford's beautiful summer home, "The Highlands." At 6 o'clock in the afternoon, seated around the table under lovely shade-trees, was a happy throng. The decorations were roses and sweet peas. At the head was seated Master Erskine, with a birthday-cake, on which burned eight candles, representing his age. Ice-cream, cake, candy, fruit, and light substantials were in abundance. Among the guests from Richmond were Misses Alice Hotchkiss and Edith White; Tom Price, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Bcott.

# The Indications Are That the Fair Will

Be a Success. SOME OF ITS BEST FEATURES,

The Art and Poultry Departments Will Be Especially Attractive-The Races to Be of High Order-

Changed Order of Premiums.

There is more interest manifested in the State Fair, to be held October 8th to 12th, inclusive, this year, than ever before obtained so long before the event. At this time last year no space in the main building had been taken by exhibitors, but the secretary has been busy for the past week or so taking orders for space from merchants and others who intend to make exhibits. The indications are that there will be one of the finest displays ever seen at a State fair, and the officers of the society are greatly encouraged by the bright outlook for the exhibition. Another feature that is clearly indicative of a successful fair is the fact that quite a number of entries have been forwarded for exhibition in the premium department. The secretary is in daily receipt of letters asking for premium lists, and information about exhibiting. He yesterinformation about exhibiting. He yesterday received a letter from a lady student
of the Corcoran Art School, at Washington, saying that she would make a nice
exhibit in the art department. Of course,
the officers are greatly encouraged by the
interest that is being manifested, and declare that they are going to make the
fair this fall one of the best and most
successful ever held in the State. ART AND CATTLE EXHIBITS.

The fact that Professor Andrews, di-rector of the Corcoran Art School, has consented to act as expert judge in the art department will enthuse a great deal of interest in this special feature of the exhibition, and it is eafe to say that the display will be by far the finest ever yet had by the State. The arrange yet had by the State. The arrange-ment of the premiums this year is some-what different from what it formerly was, and the pictures will be exhibited according to class, instead of in the pro-miscuous way that has heretofore ob-

The cattle display last year was without doubt the finest ever seen in ginia, and possibly in the South. sides a large majority of Virginia breedsides a large majority of virgina breezers there were a great many stock raisers from the North, who exhibited some of the finest cattle ever seen in the State. Quite a number of these exhibitors have written to the secretary, making inquiry about the exhibition, and Mr. Owens thinks there will be another fine display this year.

DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUMS. While the premiums are not quite so large as those offered last year, still they are in comparison with those offered by other State fairs, and are quite large by other State fairs, and are quite large enough to attract exhibitors from other States. The positry department is also attracting considerable attention. The arrangement is entirely different from that of the past. Heretofore premiums have been offered on single birds of the various varieties. This year premiums are offered for collections of fowls of the different birds. The breeders are very different kinds. The breeders are very much pleased with this arrangement, as it gives them an opportunity to show their fowls to a better advantage than the birds can be seen in a natural post-tion, and just as they would appear in a farm- or poultry-yard. The visitors to the-fair will have a much better opportunity-to compare the various breeds of chickens and form an idea of what a yard of them would look like. An expert judge of poultry has written a letter to Secretary Owens, in which he says he thinks the poultry has written a letter to Secretary Owens, in which he says he thinks the experiment worth the trial, as it will encourage the large breeder and give the visitor an excellent idea of the different fowls. He also adds that chickens are not in a suitable condition in the early part of October to be judged by score card, as the young ones are not fully grown and the old birds are in the middle of the moulting season. It is generally accepted among poultry people that chickens should not be judged by score card until after December 1st. The judging this year will be entirely by comparison.

## TO HAVE FINE RACES.

Of course the race programme is the streat feature of the fair. The fact that more money is offered to runners and trotters this year than ever before to attracting a great deal of attention from horse people away from hore. Besides this a \$1,000 purse is offered for a 2:15-class trotting race and \$500 for a 2:12 pace. All of the purses are generous, both for runners and trotters, and from the interest manifested by horse owners there is no doubt of the fact that the finest lot of race horses ever seen in Virginia will be here at the State Fair this fail.

At the Baptist Tent. The newly-organized Sunday school will meet in the tent, corner of Thirty-Second and Marshall streets, this morning at \$15 o'clock. The school has every pros-

pect for success.

Rev. J. B. Hutson, pastor of Pine-Street Baptist church, will preach at the tent this afternoon. It is hoped that the large and excellent choir of that church, will be present to lead the singing. Services will begin at 4:55 o'clock.

Dr. John Pollard will preach through the week, when the services will begin the week, when the services will begin at \$45 P. M. The tent is a delightful place to spend an hour on a warm after-noon or evening, and all are cordially in-vited to these services.

### That Its Days May Be Long. (Blackstone Courier.)

Our old friend, the Richmond Dispatch, Our old friend, the Richmond Dispatch, has added to its mechanical equipment one of Hoe's latest complete printing-machines, by means of which our esteemed contemporary can print a four-six, or eight-page paper at the rate of 20,000 per hour. This improved press will also print a ten., twelve-, or sixteen-page paper at the rate of 10,000 per hour-cut, pasted, folded and counted in view This shows folded, and counted in piles. This shows evidence of progress and prosperity, and we congratulate the Dispatch, and hope that its days may be long in the interest of the grand old Democratic party.

### The Sunday Dispatch. (Shenandoah Argus.)

The price of the Sunday edition of the Richmond Dispatch on and after July 7th will be 5 cents, instead of 3 cents, as at present. The change will not affect the subscription price to those receiving the paper by mail from the office. The Dispatch is only following a rule adopted in all large cities, and which is warranted by the greater cost and value of the Sunday

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